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KADDERLY: First from Washington....the Bulletin Board.

And here's Ruth Van Deman, to tell you about a new dish--at least it's new to me, and it sounds so good I want to try it as soon as I can.

VAN DEMAN: Ladies, this "gastronomic ecstasy" Mr. Kadderly is talking about is really one of the simplest dishes you could imagine. And you may have tried it yourself...it's spring onions on toast. All you do is cook some nice spring onions -- green tops and all -- for about 20 minutes in lightly salted boiling water. Season with melted fat and serve on toast. I mentioned it to Wallace because it happens to be one of the attractive recipes in a leaflet that's just off the press. It's called "Root Vegetables in Wartime Meals". It's a very small folder whose purpose in life is to help us prepare the same old vegetables in more attractive ways...and in more nutritious ways. It carries a timetable to help those of us who want to be sure not to overcook. Besides the recipe for spring onions on toast, it tells how to prepare scalloped onions and peanuts, vegetable chowder, carrot scallop, a beet soup something like Russian borsch, and more than a dozen other "delicious dishes". To get a copy of the leaflet, address a card to Home Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C. Ask for "Root Vegetables in Wartime Meals".

And, now, Wallace, what do you have for the Bulletin Board?

KADDERLY: Mine is a much less pleasant report. The Forest Service reports that in the first year of war -- last year -- we had more forest fires than we had the year before. And the fires burned over more land. We had more than 208 thousand forest fires that burned over nearly 32 million acres. Forest Service reports a sharp rise in the number of fires that were deliberately set. A large percentage of these resulted from the traditional but damaging woods-burning practice in the South. Forest fires destroy not only timber but forage and power resources; they may threaten transportation and communication facilities, military and industrial establishments; they divert workers from essential agriculture and industry; they could seriously interfere with defense air operations. Forest Service calls for more civilian help to prevent and fight forest fires.

Now let's look at the market report.

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